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Happy Birthday to us!

Today marks Georgia Department of Transportation's 100<sup>th</sup>! All of Georgia DOT's accomplishments over the last 100 years have only been possible because of the hard work and dedication of the GDOT men and women.

From the dirt roads of 1916 to the paved roads across Georgia in 1939 to today's modern transportation system, the Department has come a long way in a century. With our primary goals of improving mobility, enhancing quality of life and growing our economy, we have embraced innovations and forward-thinking measures that continue to make us the envy of other states across the nation. Our intelligent transportation systems, the HERO program, express lanes system, diverging diamond interchanges, expansive incident management program and a host of other achievements have contributed to Georgia's recognition as a leader in transportation innovation.

*Together*, we have built and maintained a transportation system that is now the 10th largest in the country. This has led to a better quality of life for residents, visitors and business owners and will allow us to continue improving the economic and physical landscape of the state.

Earlier this year, Governor Deal signed a proclamation declaring 2016 as Georgia Department of Transportation's Centennial Year. He recognized all of you for constructing, maintaining and operating the best transportation system.

As we celebrate 100 years of simply the best in safety, service and innovation, reflecting on our past accomplishments only help us to push forward towards a better Georgia. We have much to do and I am confident that we can get it done! I am proud of GDOT and grateful for the service, dedication and strong work ethic you show each and every day. Thank you for your commitment and loyalty to Georgia Department of Transportation. Looking forward to the next 100! It's going to be fascinating!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Russell R. McMurry'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russell R. McMurry P.E., Commissioner